

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering February 15th to 21st, 2014, there were 558,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 200 from January 2015 and 100 more than the number employed in February 2014.

Agricultural employment was 38,800 persons in February 2015, unchanged from the January 2015 level and 3,200 less than the February 2014 agricultural employment level of 42,000. Non-agricultural employment was 519,200 persons in February 2015. This is a decrease of 200 from the January 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 519,400 and 3,300 more than February 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2015 was 5.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the January 2015 rate of 4.9 percent and 1.4 percentage points higher than the February 2014 level of 4.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 3,900 to 590,700 persons in February 2015 from 586,800 persons in January 2015. This is 9,100 more than the February 2014 labour force of 581,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 68.8 percent in February 2015 from 68.4 percent in January 2015. The February 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.6 percent.

There were 32,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2015. This is an increase of 4,100 from January 2015 and is 9,000 more than the number unemployed in February 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 565,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2015, down 700 from the January 2015 level of 566,600 and is up 700 from the February 2014 employment level of 565,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2015 was 5.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the January 2015 rate of 4.5 percent and 0.9 percentage points higher than the February 2014 rate of 4.1 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 42,000 persons in February 2015 to 17,582,000 persons from 17,540,000 persons in January 2015. In February 2014, there were 17,466,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points in February 2015 to 7.2 percent from the January 2015 level of 7.0 percent. In February 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.8 percent in February 2015. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than January 2015 but 0.3 percentage points lower than the February 2014 level of 7.1 percent.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	February 2015	January 2015	February 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,945.5	18,852.6	18,863.4	92.9	82.1
Employed ('000)	17,582.0	17,540.0	17,466.4	42.0	115.6
Full-Time ('000)	14,045.2	13,994.8	13,911.5	50.4	133.7
Part-Time ('000)	3,536.8	3,545.2	3,555.0	-8.4	-18.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,363.5	1,312.6	1,397.0	50.9	-33.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.0	7.4	0.2	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.6	7.1	0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	64.7	65.4	0.3	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	590.7	586.8	581.6	3.9	9.1
Employed ('000)	558.0	558.2	557.9	-0.2	0.1
Full-Time ('000)	457.1	453.5	456.6	3.6	0.5
Part-Time ('000)	100.8	104.7	101.3	-3.9	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	32.7	28.6	23.7	4.1	9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	4.9	4.1	0.6	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	4.5	4.1	0.5	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.4	68.6	0.4	0.2
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,416.1	2,397.1	2,342.5	19.0	73.6
Employed ('000)	2,276.4	2,286.1	2,240.8	-9.7	35.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,894.0	1,901.5	1,856.1	-7.5	37.9
Part-Time ('000)	382.4	384.6	384.8	-2.2	-2.4
Unemployed ('000)	139.8	111.0	101.7	28.8	38.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	4.6	4.3	1.2	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	4.5	4.4	0.8	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	72.6	72.1	72.2	0.5	0.4
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	664.9	667.4	652.5	-2.5	12.4
Employed ('000)	628.0	627.2	615.8	0.8	12.2
Full-Time ('000)	507.6	505.9	488.7	1.7	18.9
Part-Time ('000)	120.4	121.3	127.1	-0.9	-6.7
Unemployed ('000)	36.9	40.2	36.7	-3.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	6.0	5.6	-0.5	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	6.0	5.3	-0.4	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	67.9	67.2	-0.3	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>February 2015</u>	<u>January 2015</u>	<u>February 2014</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	590.7	586.8	581.6	3.9	9.1
Male	321.6	317.0	317.2	4.6	4.4
Female	269.0	269.8	264.4	-0.8	4.6
15-24 Years of Age	90.1	85.8	88.7	4.3	1.4
25+ Years of age	500.5	501.0	492.9	-0.5	7.6
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	558.0	558.2	557.9	-0.2	0.1
Male	300.2	300.3	303.3	-0.1	-3.1
Female	257.7	257.9	254.6	-0.2	3.1
15-24 Years of Age	80.1	78.1	80.3	2.0	-0.2
25+ Years of age	477.8	480.1	477.6	-2.3	0.2
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	32.7	28.6	23.7	4.1	9.0
Male	21.4	16.7	13.9	4.7	7.5
Female	11.3	11.9	9.8	-0.6	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	10.0	7.7	8.4	2.3	1.6
25+ Years of age	22.7	20.9	15.3	1.8	7.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.5	4.9	4.1	0.6	1.4
Male	6.7	5.3	4.4	1.4	2.3
Female	4.2	4.4	3.7	-0.2	0.5
15-24 Years of Age	11.1	9.0	9.5	2.1	1.6
25+ Years of age	4.5	4.2	3.1	0.3	1.4
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.8	68.4	68.6	0.4	0.2
Male	74.4	73.4	74.4	1.0	0.0
Female	63.1	63.4	62.8	-0.3	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	65.5	62.3	63.7	3.2	1.8
25+ Years of age	69.4	69.6	69.6	-0.2	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	February <u>2015</u>	January <u>2015</u>	February <u>2014</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	38.8	38.8	42.0	0.0	-3.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.1	28.1	27.5	-2.0	-1.4
Utilities	6.1	6.4	5.7	-0.3	0.4
Construction	53.8	52.6	51.4	1.2	2.4
Manufacturing	24.8	26.0	27.6	-1.2	-2.8
Trade	84.0	82.1	83.9	1.9	0.1
Transportation and Warehousing	28.1	28.0	30.5	0.1	-2.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.1	30.7	27.7	0.4	3.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.4	23.6	25.4	0.8	-1.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.7	13.6	12.0	0.1	1.7
Educational Services	45.2	47.3	44.2	-2.1	1.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	73.8	73.8	73.2	0.0	0.6
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.6	15.6	16.4	1.0	0.2
Accommodation and Food Services	36.9	36.1	36.3	0.8	0.6
Other Services	24.5	24.9	25.6	-0.4	-1.1
Public Administration	30.0	30.3	28.5	-0.3	1.5
Total	558.0	558.2	557.9	-0.2	0.1
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	457.1	453.5	456.6	3.6	0.5
Part-Time	100.8	104.7	101.3	-3.9	-0.5
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	454.5	451.7	449.9	2.8	4.6
Public Sector	138.6	140.5	130.7	-1.9	7.9
Private Sector	315.9	311.1	319.2	4.8	-3.3
Self-Employed	103.5	106.5	108.1	-3.0	-4.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February <u>2015</u>	January <u>2015</u>	February <u>2014</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,582.0	17,540.0	17,466.4	42.0	115.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.1	225.3	232.4	-1.2	-8.3
Prince Edward Island	69.8	69.4	70.0	0.4	-0.2
Nova Scotia	433.9	435.6	434.7	-1.7	-0.8
New Brunswick	339.1	339.9	344.8	-0.8	-5.7
Quebec	4,003.6	3,976.9	3,959.2	26.7	44.4
Ontario	6,802.0	6,767.7	6,764.8	34.3	37.2
Manitoba	628.0	627.2	615.8	0.8	12.2
Saskatchewan	558.0	558.2	557.9	-0.2	0.1
Alberta	2,276.4	2,286.1	2,240.8	-9.7	35.6
British Columbia	2,247.1	2,253.6	2,245.9	-6.5	1.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.2	7.0	7.4	0.2	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.9	13.5	13.0	0.4	0.9
Prince Edward Island	12.2	13.2	13.3	-1.0	-1.1
Nova Scotia	9.9	9.4	9.9	0.5	0.0
New Brunswick	11.6	11.5	10.9	0.1	0.7
Quebec	8.0	8.1	8.9	-0.1	-0.9
Ontario	7.0	6.9	7.5	0.1	-0.5
Manitoba	5.5	6.0	5.6	-0.5	-0.1
Saskatchewan	5.5	4.9	4.1	0.6	1.4
Alberta	5.8	4.6	4.3	1.2	1.5
British Columbia	6.6	6.0	6.7	0.6	-0.1

TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	February 2015	January 2015	February 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,885.9	17,886.9	17,756.0	-1.0	129.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.9	237.9	241.8	-3.0	-6.9
Prince Edward Island	74.1	74.1	74.2	0.0	-0.1
Nova Scotia	446.5	450.9	448.3	-4.4	-1.8
New Brunswick	352.4	354.6	357.0	-2.2	-4.6
Quebec	4,093.9	4,077.1	4,049.5	16.8	44.4
Ontario	6,900.1	6,886.3	6,861.1	13.8	39.0
Manitoba	634.6	635.0	623.4	-0.4	11.2
Saskatchewan	565.9	566.6	565.2	-0.7	0.7
Alberta	2,299.9	2,313.9	2,263.2	-14.0	36.7
British Columbia	2,283.6	2,290.6	2,272.4	-7.0	11.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.8	6.6	7.1	0.2	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.6	11.4	11.8	1.2	0.8
Prince Edward Island	10.1	10.2	11.0	-0.1	-0.9
Nova Scotia	9.1	8.4	8.9	0.7	0.2
New Brunswick	10.4	10.0	9.7	0.4	0.7
Quebec	7.4	7.4	8.0	0.0	-0.6
Ontario	6.9	6.9	7.5	0.0	-0.6
Manitoba	5.6	6.0	5.3	-0.4	0.3
Saskatchewan	5.0	4.5	4.1	0.5	0.9
Alberta	5.3	4.5	4.4	0.8	0.9
British Columbia	6.0	5.6	6.5	0.4	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<u>February</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	5.8	5.7	5.3	0.1	0.5
Halifax	6.4	6.1	6.6	0.3	-0.2
Saint John	8.8	8.4	6.4	0.4	2.4
Quebec	5.9	5.2	4.6	0.7	1.3
Montreal	7.5	7.6	8.4	-0.1	-0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.0	6.6	6.5	0.4	0.5
Toronto	7.0	7.1	7.8	-0.1	-0.8
Greater Sudbury	6.5	5.4	6.8	1.1	-0.3
Winnipeg	6.0	5.7	5.5	0.3	0.5
Regina	4.6	3.9	3.9	0.7	0.7
Saskatoon	5.3	4.5	4.5	0.8	0.8
Calgary	5.0	4.4	4.6	0.6	0.4
Edmonton	4.9	4.4	4.8	0.5	0.1
Vancouver	5.8	5.6	6	0.2	-0.2
Victoria	4.9	4.8	5.8	0.1	-0.9
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	180.1	181.2	177.4	-1.1	2.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.4	53.0	52.3	0.4	1.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	194.4	196.9	194.0	-2.5	0.4
Yorkton-Melville	39.0	38.7	39.8	0.3	-0.8
Prince Albert & Northern	95.8	97.1	97.2	-1.3	-1.4

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3 Month Moving Average)

	February 2015	January 2015	February 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	590.1	589.5	586	0.6	4.1
Employed ('000)	563.0	566.9	561.8	-3.9	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	27.1	22.6	24.2	4.5	2.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	3.8	4.1	0.8	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.8	69.2	0.0	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	66.1	66.3	-0.5	-0.7
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	542.6	541.6	536.5	1.0	6.1
Employed ('000)	519.9	523.0	518	-3.1	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.7	18.6	18.5	4.1	4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	3.4	3.5	0.8	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.4	69.6	0.1	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	67.0	67.2	-0.4	-0.6
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	47.5	47.9	49.5	-0.4	-2.0
Employed ('000)	43.1	43.9	43.8	-0.8	-0.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.5	4.1	5.7	0.4	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	8.5	11.5	0.9	-2.1
Participation Rate (%)	62.0	62.6	65.6	-0.6	-3.6
Employment Rate (%)	56.2	57.3	58.1	-1.1	-1.9
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.0	18.4	18.3	-0.4	-0.3
Employed ('000)	15.2	15.8	15.3	-0.6	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.6	3.1	0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.6	14.2	16.8	1.4	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	55.8	57.1	57.5	-1.3	-1.7
Employment Rate (%)	47.1	49.0	47.9	-1.9	-0.8
<u>MÉTIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	29.5	29.5	31	0.0	-1.5
Employed ('000)	27.8	28.0	28.4	-0.2	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	1.7	1.4	2.6	0.3	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	4.9	8.4	0.7	-2.8
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.9	71.5	0.0	-4.6
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	63.6	65.5	-0.5	-2.4

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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